

Minutes of the Elie Sports Club Committee of Management meeting held in The Pavilion at 5.00 pm on Friday 13th October 2017.

Present: Kenny Garland, Chairman, Gilly Thompson, Andrew Forgan, Bobby Dickson,

In attendance: Gavin Cook, Charles Birrell and Tim MacDowel, Secretary.

1. Apologies: Angela Russell, Nicola Wallace, A. Malcolm and Craig Hobkirk.
2. Minutes of the AGM. These were noted by The Committee.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2017. These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising not covered in the agenda: The Secretary will contact The Elie and The Royal Burgh of Earlsferry Community Council and The Elie Improvements Association to ascertain the committee replacement for Kath Macintosh.
5. Subscription rates and facility usage charges 2018/2019
 - a. Subscription Rates. The Committee agreed that there should be no increase over the 2017/2018 rates. (For clarification, the rates are those that are set out in the membership section of the website: www.eliesportscub.co.uk)
 - b. Facility Usage Charges for non members. The Committee agreed that there should be no increase over the 2017/2018 rates with the exception of the price of driving range tokens which will be either £3.50 for one or £15 for five.
 - c. The Committee directed that consideration be given to an all-inclusive daily rate covering, for example, all golf facilities: Decision to be ready for the 2019/2020 season.
6. Membership Statistics Comparison: 2016-2017. The Secretary had circulated statistics prior to the meeting. The Committee noted that total membership numbers for 2017 amounted to 754 compared with 723 for the previous year.
7. Facility Usage Statistics Comparison: 2016-2017. The Secretary had circulated statistics prior to the meeting. The Committee noted that facility income for the period ended September 2017 amounted to £63,958 compared with £64,142 for the same period in the previous year.

8. Telecoms Mast: update. As at 5th October, CTIL had offered to take a 15 year lease at a commencing rent of £5500, reviewable every third year. A subsequent offer had been received from Shared Access which had been referred to Savills who deemed the offer to be less attractive than that offered by CTIL. CTIL are currently seeking feed- back from the planning authority.
9. Bowling Club Report. Bruce Bowers had sent a letter which contained 4 issues:
 - a. The synthetic grass surround to the green had become slippery and needed a power wash,
 - b. The National Seniors semi finals are provisionally to be held here next year,
 - c. The north and south edges of the green now sloped to the extent that, ideally, they required attention by way of levelling. The secretary will contact the head greenkeeper to assess the ramifications and cost of levelling and,
 - d. Thanks should be passed on to the green keeping staff for the quality of maintenance which had resulted in a number of compliments.
10. Pavilion Report. Lachlan had presented his annual report which listed improvements made over the period, and plans for the future. He asked for his thanks to be passed on to the committee for its support. A committee member noted that comments had been heard during the high season relating to queues and delays in service, and suggested that Lachlan could consider installing a self-service coffee and ice-cream machine.
11. Capital Expenditure Programme and Proposals. Prior to the meeting, Gavin had circulated a paper setting out the current state of improvements and repairs. The Chairman directed that, subject to cost approval, planned work for the driving range and tennis court netting should go ahead. Any other major investment would be considered when the Finance Convenor was in attendance.
12. Junior Open Golf Tournament. The larger prize fund may have resulted in increased entries, but there was an operating loss of £140, currently financed by Gavin. As per the minutes of the July 2016 committee meeting, The Secretary will write to GHC and EELGC requesting a contribution to cover the loss.

13. Junior Open Tennis Tournament. Entries were marginally up on last year, and there was an operating surplus of £75.
14. AOB. Jason Elles. The Chairman recorded a sincere vote of thanks to Jason Elles for his support and contribution to the club's activities over the last 6 years, and instructed the secretary to mark the committee's appreciation with a small contribution to the Elles wine cellar.
15. Next Meeting. 5th January 2018.

Tim MacDowel
Secretary.
16th October 2017